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SUMMARY.

FARMER'S AS PIONEERS P. AND O. COMPANY'S SHIPPING.

Mr. Asquith has denied Mr. Balfour's suggestion that the Government had kept Home Rule in the background.

But for the counties would have returned 36 or 40 more Liberals.

The Archbishop of Armagh, Primate of All Ireland, has resigned his see owing to ill-health.

A shock of earthquake at Glasgow shook the buildings so severely that the church bells stopped.

The King Edward VII. Hospital Fund is receiving £150,000 among the hospitals of London.

Several inmates of a workhouse in Surrey refused the porridge supplied to them, and demanded bread and butter.

A fine fight followed between the officials and the inmates.

The leaders of the naval mutiny at Deptford have been arrested while attempting to escape with arms.

The Union Government at Cape Town will introduce an immigration bill.

There is almost unprecedented activity in the shipbuilding trade of Glasgow.

Contracts include 20 warships, and merchant vessels aggregating 200,000 tons.

The bootmakers' guild resulted in favour of the miners' strike, and the engineering apprenticeship has been resumed.

Twenty-two miners were killed and 26 injured by an explosion in a mine at Tacoma.

The miners' conference at Cardiff has decided to advise the Aborigines meet to resume work.

Tommy Barnes has been severely injured in a tram collision near Seattle.

He is now permanently incapacitated as a fighter.

The German Crown Prince, who is making a tour of the East, has arrived in Bombay.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie has given 10,000,000 dollars to the new Peace Foundation at Washington.

If peace obtains, the money is to be used to fight the next most degrading evil to war.

Prince Hohenlohe made a speech in the Reichstag upon the question of disarmament.

He said he hoped Britain would recognize herself to the extent that she intended to renounce her naval supremacy.

The Women's University in St. Petersburg has been closed owing to the students' demonstration against cruelties in prisons.

The Premier expects to be able to bring the Home session to a close next week.

In the Assembly yesterday Messrs. J. Sturte, Bonham, Beale, and Burrell were elected members of the Senate. Works Committee.

The Electrical Bill was considered in committee.

The proposal to give a vote to the inmates of charitable institutions gave rise to a long debate.

The Legislative Council, Sir Joseph Carruthers attacked the Government for its silence in regard to the referendum.

The six weeks' truce of the area officers at the Albany camp terminated yesterday.

Mr. Higgins says the respondents in the coal miners' strike have put in a general denial of the allegations.

Negotiations are still proceeding with regard to the contract for the wireless installations at Penrhian Hills and Fremantle.

Mr. Higgins says the discussion has been continued to the time at which the contract is to be completed.

Mr. Beatty said yesterday that the Sydney High School was to be the main centre of education.

The general standard of the school would be completely standardised.

The Minister for Public Instruction arranged the prizes at the Girls' High School yesterday.

Mr. Beatty referred to the large number of girls who had passed the examination to gain a scholarship at the Girls' High School.

At the Royal Hospital and Blind Institution it was stated that there had not been a death in the institution for 40 years.

Cardinal Moran says that Roman Catholics are determined to obtain justice with regard to their primary schools.

A delegation of the Royal Hospital and Blind Institution is in the town to keep up the upkeep of main roads in the western suburbs.

The Minister proposed to consider the matter when the proposal for a Greater Sydney was brought forward.

A company is being formed at Cooma to manufacture power stations and electric lights in the town.

On the Taree-Gloucester section of the North Coast Railway the line is completed as far as Wingah.

In the Industrial Court an appeal against the industrial trades award was dismissed with costs.

Liverpool celebrated its centenary yesterday under ideal weather conditions.

A railway from Condobolin to Broken Hill is to be submitted to the Public Works Committee.

The Music Council refused an application for permission to give classical concerts after church hours on Sunday evenings.

Mr. Board considers that the number of subjects for the general proficiency prize at the University is too small.

The railway letter named John Dillen was run down by a train near Dapto, and cut to pieces.

Owing to a derailment on the Mountains, the main train from Sydney was five hours late arriving at the station.

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BRITISH ELECTIONS.

LIBERAL LEAD INCREASED.

REUNION AMONG UNIONISTS.

THE REFERENDUM BLAMED.

LONDON, Dec. 15.

The polling declared yesterday increased the majority for the Government to 70. Labour gained a seat at West Fife, but as this was at the expense of the Liberals the number of Government supporters is not increased. A Unionist vote was recorded for the Ashburton division of Devonshire.

Principal pollings and the state of parties are given below

STATE OF PARTIES.

Government	189
England	43
Scotland	29
Wales	63
Redmondites	7
O'Brienites	331
Unionists	225
England	8
Scotland	2
Ireland	17
—	232
Liberal Gains	20
Labour Gains	4
Unionist Gains	24
Redmondite Gains	2
O'Brienite Gain	1
Elected	583
To be elected	67

POLLING RETURNS.

UNIONIST GAIN.

DEVONSHIRE (Ashburton).
Captain E. F. MORRISON-BELL.
(U.)

Election, January, 1910.—C. R. Buxton (L.), 5,071; Captain E. F. Morrison-Bell was elected for Ashburton at a by-election in 1908, and was defeated in January of this year. Mr. C. R. Buxton is a son of Sir Powell Buxton, at one time Governor of South Australia.

LABOUR GAIN.

FIFE (West).
Mr. D. Hope (L.)

Election, January, 1910.—C. R. Buxton (L.), 6,476; G. Ralston (L.), 5,222. Mr. Hope, who is opposed to imperialism, had represented the constituency since 1906.

PARTIES UNCHANGED.

YORKSHIRE (Rotherham).
Mr. J. H. Dransfield (U.)

L. identified Liberal—Lib. Lab.—Liberal-Labour; U. Unionist; N. Irish Nationalist. * Member of last Parliament. Name of successful candidate are in capitals.

REFERENDUM BURDENS.

MISTAKE ACKNOWLEDGED.

SEVERE BLOW TO UNIONISTS.

The "Morning Post" (Unionist) says it is impossible to ignore the grave situation created by Unionists as the result of the unfortunate and impracticable proposal to submit tariff reform to a referendum.

BANKRUPTCY OF TORYISM.

Mr. Asquith, Prime Minister, speaking at Glossop, Derbyshire, last night, said that there was not a shadow of foundation for the accusation of Mr. A. J. Balfour in the background. It showed the controversial bankruptcy to which the Tory rhetoricians had been reduced.

But for plutocrat voting, Mr. Asquith said, the counties would have returned 30 or 40 more Liberals.

IRISH VICEROY'S DECLARATION.

MR. LONG'S DENUNCIATION.

Mr. W. A. Long (Unionist), who spoke at Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire, yesterday, said that the Earl of Aberdeen, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, had grievously misused his position as the representative of the King in descending into the political arena. It was a grossly improper action.

The Unionists of Ireland, Mr. Long said, were entitled to say that they no longer regarded the representative of the King with respect and confidence.

THE VOTING OF LANCASHIRE.

DECREASE IN LIBERAL POLL.

Unionists in Lancashire polled 47 per cent. of the total votes cast, compared with 42 per cent. in 1906. Liberals polled 26 per cent. and Labour 16 per cent., compared with 27 per cent. and 19 per cent. in January.

Excluding unopposed returns, of which the Unionists secured five, Liberals polled 28,296 votes above the Opposition, and secured 44 seats against the Conservatives 22.

A BALANCED ELECTION.

ANOTHER CONFERENCE FOR ETOLETO.

Sir Edward Clarke, K.C. (Unionist), in the course of a speech in London, said that the result of the balanced election must be a conference of parties with a view to a settlement of the Constitutional problem. It was intolerable that the issue should be adjourned to election after election, and ultimately decided in the passion of a wholly alien contest.

Both the Parliament Bill and the referendum, Sir Edward Clarke asserted, must

go, and the best men of both sides must find a solution more in harmony with the traditions of the country.

ALLEGED IMPERSONATION.

Peter Duckworth, a magistrate and a prominent trade-union official at Darwen, Lancashire, has been committed for trial on a charge of impersonating a voter at Blackburn.

THE CORK RIOTS.

CLAIM BY A HOSPITAL.

The Cork Infirmary is asking Parliamentary candidates and the brewers to refund £50, which is the cost the institution has been put to in attending persons injured during the election riots.

NEW ZEALAND MEMBERS.

Dr. William Allen Chappie, formerly of New Zealand, has been re-elected for Stirlingshire; Mr. Eugene Wason (Unionist), for Clackmannan and Kincross; and his brother, Mr. John Cathcart Wason (Independent Liberal), a farmer of New Zealand, for Orkney and Shetland.

THE PARTY GAINS.

BY LIBERALS (20).
Camberwell (Peckham).
Chesterfield.
Exeter.
Glasgow.
Hastings.
Sunderland (2).
Southwark W.
Country.
Bury.
Tower Hamlets (Stepney).
Norfolk N.
Harrowshire.
Bedford.
Lincolnshire (South).
Cumberland (Cocker).
Essex (Saffron Walden).
Bristol (Liberal).
Wiltshire (Cricklade).
Cambridgeshire (Newmarket).
D. & A. (Labour) (4).
Whitchurch.
Tunbridge Wells (Bow and Bromley).
Westgate.
Faversham.

BY UNIONISTS (24).
King's Lynn.
Grimsby.
Salford South.
Warrington.
Wigan.
Ashton-under-Lyne.
Darlington.
Liverpool (Exchange).
Southwark W.
Birkenhead.
Lancaster North.
St. Pancras N.
St. Helens.
Plymouth (2).
Brentford S.W.
(Newton).
Cardiff District.
Dudley.
Leicester (Melton).
Cumberland (Eskdale).
Chichester (Arlingham).
Lancashire, N.E. (Darwen).
Cork (Bandon).
Derry (Bord na Mona).
Tyrone (Ballymena).
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ture within its bounds the population would be 10,000,000. Then questions would arise in regard to industrial and other problems. The world is quite large enough if they were to have a large enough area to demand the consideration of a Parliament dealing with the 300,000 square miles of territory which the States now have in the name of the Parliament of New South Wales. And if the other States increased in proportion what then would be the position of the Federal Parliament? "What is the size of square miles of Australia?" It seemed to him hardly comparable with a reasonable conclusion that one Parliament constituting an entire portion of Australia would be in a satisfactory position to deal with the problems which would arise over that immense area of territory, and which must naturally arise with a large population.

THE DUTIES OF A FEDERAL PARLIAMENT.

There were specific reasons why the questions of defence, customs, postal, and some other subjects must have for their consideration, which he had not mentioned, and he never anticipated that the members of the Federal Parliament would take up the question of the national defence, for which they were elected. The Federal Parliament wanted to take away the local Parliamentary powers which the States now possessed in regard to their domestic concerns.

RESULT OF THE PROPOSALS.
One question which he thought had been seriously considered was that the territories which were to be created would arise throughout Australia a state of things which would be a menace to every State in the Commonwealth. This was brought up at a previous meeting of the State Councils, and he thought that the Government for which they were elected. The Federal Parliament wanted to take away the local Parliamentary powers which the States now possessed in regard to their domestic concerns.

THE SHIPMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT.
Mr. G. H. Hughes said he took the objection of Sir Joseph Carruthers' address was not so much to deal with the question of the delivery of the proposals as to induce the Government to take up the question of the rights of New South Wales. The main question was whether State rights were or were not infringed by the proposals emanating from the Federal Parliament. The Treasurer promised inquiry into the matter.

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VICTORIA.

RAILWAY EMPLOYEES' PENSIONS.

MELBOURNE. Thursday.
The Aerated Water and Cordial Manufacturers' Employees' Union last night appointed a deputation to wait on the employers in the metropolitan area to give them 24 hours to consider their proposal to increase their pension which had accrued at March 3, 1903, an outlay of £4,829 will be occasioned; while the demand is for a pension in respect of the period of service up to the attainment of the statutory age of retirement, namely, 60 years, a further sum of £25,000 will be involved, or a total outlay of £29,829.

ELECTORAL BILL.

A conference between the managers of the election on the Electoral Bill was concluded to-day, and the following resolution was arrived at:—"A person who is a freeholder and a ratepayer, or who is a leaseholder of land for which he is liable to rates, shall be entitled, if he desires to, to have his name entered on the roll of the division where he resides and on the roll of the division in which his property is situated, provided that his name shall not appear on more than two rolls." In announcing the result of the conference, Mr. C. G. Palmer reported that he had discovered no evidence whatever of corruption in the department, either on the part of Minister or of elector.

LANDS ADMINISTRATION.

In the Assembly, Thursday afternoon the bill of Mr. Justice McMillan, the Royal Commissioner appointed to investigate charges of corruption in the Lands Department, made by Labour members during the no-confidence debate, was introduced. Mr. C. G. Palmer reported that he had discovered no evidence whatever of corruption in the department, either on the part of Minister or of elector.

COAL-LUMPERS' WAGES.

MELBOURNE. Thursday.
The negotiations which had been carried on between the Freemen coal-lumpers and the Steamship Owners' Federation were concluded to-day. The latter body, in their mortal words, accepted the main proposal suggested by the miners, and the agreement will be included in the new agreement. The agreement will be drafted to-morrow, and the signatures of the parties will be arranged to it on board the Karoola on Saturday morning.

DEFENCE OF AUSTRALIA.

MELBOURNE. Thursday.
The Minister for Defence (Senator Pearce) to build a railway from Stanley Mount Balfour Company to the coast, about 30 miles, and for about 20 miles will pass through the best agricultural land in the State, and is proposed to operate the railway on the means of traction obtained from Arthur River.

The bill also provides for an advance of £10,000 to the promoters to cover the surveys and other preliminary work.

SHALE DEPOSITS.

The Government Geologist (Mr. W. H. Tweddle) has forwarded a report to the Secretary of Mines. He says that the new discoveries of shale-bearing ground and widely scattered areas of shale in the State will be sealed. "I have formed a highly favourable opinion of the prospects of these enterprises," he says, and if wise guidance were set aside in this matter, and that if the Government would do its duty it would be only natural that the shale deposits should be turned over to the State, and that the subject was up to the members.

FURTHER REQUEST FOR A PRONOUNCEMENT.

Mr. Hughes said the right reasons have been given for some amendment from the Government in regard to what he had almost called the revolutionary proposals of the Federal Parliament. The right reasons were given in the speech of them why did it not say so, and let the country know his opinion was not that he had looked for any amendment. The right reasons were shown for the proposed alteration of the Constitution he would do his best to oppose the proposed amendment.

ARRIVAL OF IMMIGRANTS.

RECORD SHIPLOAD.
The Aberdeen liner Norwegian arrived at Sydney yesterday, and berthed at Dalveen Wharf, Miller's Point, her decks from stem to stern being alive with men, women, and children (for she brings almost 1,000) most of whom are bound for the gold-fields of the British Isles to try their fortunes on the land in Australia and New Zealand. And what a splendid lot they are! Nine hundred and thirty-seven are men, 200 are girls. Amongst them are about 250 children, whose ages range from 1 to 15. In some families there are seven or eight children.

The 11th of October. She met with fine weather. On the West Coast of Africa a fireman named Tom, a jumped aboard, and was found the next day, a baby died, and the body was committed to the deep.

Two whole days were occupied at London in loading bullion, and on the 13th of October, at 10.30 a.m. the voyage began. 10 tons of potassium, 10,000 eggs, 10,000 green peas, and 30,000 lbs of flour were consumed. 6000 bottles of ginger beer only lasted a few days, while the vessel was in the tropics.

COALMINES ACT.

SUGGESTIONS FOR MR. EDDEEN.
The Delegate Board of the Colliery Employers' Federation met at the Trades Hall this afternoon, and sat until after 7 p.m. It was decided that the Legislative Assembly sitting to-day, Saturday, and to-morrow, and Tuesday, should be in a position to clear off all business on the Wednesday.

GOVERNMENT FARMS.

UNIFORM BOOKKEEPING.
The Minister of Agriculture (Mr. T. L. Tredell) wishes to correct some misapprehension with regard to his remarks about introducing a system of bookkeeping into the various government departments. He said he had also decided to take steps to have the new system adopted by the members during the discussion on the departmental estimates, and the remarks of some of the members on the Wednesday.

Mr. T. L. Tredell. The remarks of some of the members on the Wednesday.

Mr. T. L. Tredell. These men have been paid on a selling rate basis of £6 per ton. A suggestion made at the meeting on the Wednesday was that the Welsh miners on strike was waived. It was decided that the attention of the minister was directed to the fact that the bill for the establishment of eight hours bank-to-bank, and six hours bank-to-bank on Saturday, for all colliery workers. The meeting decided to take steps to have the new system adopted by each branch, and his balance-sheets showing the debt and credit balances of each branch, and the result is that some of the managers cannot indicate the exact amount of the debts or credits, or show the credit or debit balance of each branch. 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